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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

| No.             | Date of Publication | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
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| 2002/0044706    | 04/18/02            | Kayama et al.               |
| 2003/0044099    | 03/06/03            | Uchman                      |
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| 1,966,826       | 07/17/34            | P.M. Miller                 |
| 4,004,838       | 01/25/77            | Savage                      |
| 4,340,317       | 07/20/82            | Heitmann et al.             |
| 4,493,388       | 01/15/85            | Welschof et al.             |
| 4,629,028       | 12/16/86            | Krude et al.                |
| 5,486,053       | 01/23/96            | Beagley et al.              |
| 5,536,075       | 07/16/96            | Bertetti                    |
| 5,549,514       | 08/27/96            | Welschof                    |
| 6,022,275       | 02/08/00            | Bertetti                    |
| 6,152,825       | 11/28/00            | Doell                       |
| 6,170,628       | 01/09/01            | Bigley                      |
| 6,193,419       | 02/27/01            | Krude et al.                |
| 6,196,639       | 03/06/01            | Di Ponio et al.             |
| 6,354,952       | 03/12/02            | Boulton et al.              |
| 6,413,008       | 07/02/02            | Van Dest et al.             |
| 6,450,585       | 09/17/02            | Kochsiek                    |

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A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

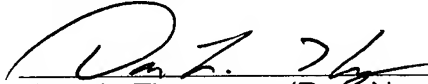
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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